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ABSTRACT

For the past two decades, Syracuse University has been publishing studies in adult and continuing education and collecting resources in those fields. This work has been collected through the Syracuse University Resources for Educators of Adults (SUREA) program and the Syracuse University Publications Program in Continuing Education (SUPCE). SUPCE was founded in 1968 to help meet the demonstrated demand for quality studies in the field of adult and continuing education. It was funded in 1972 by the Syracuse University, the Fund for Adult Education, and by a five-year grant from the Ford Foundation. SUPCE includes more than 300 publications, such as the following: publications of the Center for the Study of Liberal Education for Adults, Landmark and New Horizon series, William Pearson Tolley Medal series, the American Foundation for Continuing Education, and the International Handbook for Resources for Educators of Adults. SUPCE continues as a publisher of adult and continuing education materials and, in the future, will place emphasis on materials related to resources for educators of adults. SUREA is a university-wide program whose collections are now housed in the Ernest S. Bird Library. It began in the 1950s; through grants, the collection grew to include materials in a variety of formats: books, tapes, recordings, personal papers, photographs, pamphlets, periodicals, newsletters, and oral history. SUREA has formed the Associated Resource Centers in Adult Education to promote networks and cooperative relationships among adult education resource centers nationally and internationally, and this effort will continue in the future. (Information on obtaining materials from SUPCE and SUREA is included in the report.) (KC)

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SUPCE AND SUREA:
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A critical need in the field of adult and continuing education is for resources for educators of adults preparing to enter the field, continuing their professional development, or advancing knowledge about adult education. Almost two decades ago, Syracuse University began to publish quality studies in adult and continuing education and to collect resources. That initial work quickly expanded to become the Syracuse University Publications in Continuing Education (SUPCE) and the Syracuse University Resources for Educators of Adults (SUREA).

Both programs have been generously supported by gifts and grants, from national and international sources. Gifts are welcomed because outside contributions are the most important source of financial support.

Alexander N. Charters has provided the leadership for Syracuse University's prominent position in the publications and resources for educators of adults. Charters' interest in publications, resources, and information about resources continued for a quarter of a century in each of the major positions he has held: Dean of University College, Vice-President of Continuing Education, and Professor of Adult Education. Charters retired from his professorship in 1983, but he will continue on a part-time appointment to head the SUPCE and SUREA operations as well as continue research and projects in international and comparative adult education.

What is SUPCE?

In 1968, Syracuse University Publications in Continuing Education (SUPCE) was founded to help meet the demonstrated demand for quality studies in the

field of adult and continuing education. An editor was appointed to head the newly organized agency in September, 1968, reporting to Alexander N. Charters, then Vice-President for Continuing Education. Until the middle 1960's, support for SUPCE came primarily from the University College and the Office of the Vice-President for Continuing Education of Syracuse University. The Fund for Adult Education (FAE) also provided funds which were restricted to the publications program. A five-year grant totaling \$100,000 from the Ford Foundation in 1972 was significant in the continuing development of SUPCE. The sale of publications is an important financial resource.

SUPCE includes over 300 publications. Many of these were given to SUPCE by the Center for the Study of Liberal Education of Adults (CSLEA) and the American Foundation for Continuing Education. The SUPCE series includes: Notes, Essays, Reports, and Occasional Papers of the Center for the Study of Liberal Education for Adults (CSLEA); Landmark and New Horizon series; William Pearson Tolley Medal series; Papers on Adult Education - University College (Blue Books); the American Foundation for Continuing Education (AFCE) formerly the American Foundation for Political Education; MSS series (Manuscripts and General); Research Reports, the International Handbook for Resources for Educators of Adults; the Syracuse University Centennial Series; and Syracuse University related publications. SUPCE prints and distributes material produced or related to SUREA and is the distributing agent for some adult education organizations.

SUPCE continues now as a publisher of adult and continuing education materials and will place emphasis on materials related to resources for educators of adults.

What is SUREA?

SUREA is a university-wide program related to several schools and colleges, other academic, and administrative units of Syracuse University. Its vast collections are now housed in the Ernest S. Bird Library. SUREA's objectives are (1) to assist in identifying, developing, processing, disseminating, and evaluating resources for educators of adults, (2) to assist in making these resources available to Syracuse University faculty, staff, and students and to researchers and practitioners not affiliated with Syracuse University, (3) to assist in the conduct and facilitation of research utilizing the resources, and (4) to coordinate and cooperate as appropriate with other resource programs, libraries and networks worldwide. SUREA is international in scope, but the resources in Bird Library are primarily in the English language.

Intended for educators of adults, SUREA is concerned with a wide range of persons who are often not identified as educators of adults, but who are in adult education agencies or who have functions related to the education of adults. These include program developers and administrators, tutors and teachers, researchers, policymakers, elected officials, board members of adult education agencies, students, professors, advisors and counselors, librarians and media specialists.

How Did SUREA Begin and How Is It Supported?

SUREA began in the 1950's as a library for the staff of the University College and the adult education graduate program which was approved in 1952. In 1964, Syracuse University received a grant from the United States Office of Education to develop the Library of Continuing Education (L.C.E.); it was staffed by Roger DeCrow, Diana Ironside, and B. J. Vaughn. From 1966

to 1972, ERIC/Adult Education was contracted to Syracuse University; the same L.C.E. staff continued.

As a result, adult and continuing education collections and materials that had been accumulated for more than two decades formed the basis for what has now become Syracuse University Resources for Educators of Adults (SUREA). Many individuals, organizations, foundations, associations, and governments nationally and internationally have contributed to this wealth of adult education literature and information. These contributions have ranged from a collection of several hundred books, pamphlets, periodicals, tapes or photographs to a few items such as rare or missing items to personal papers. Syracuse University libraries provide professional and technical assistance in making the collections an integral part of the University's resources. In addition, financial support of over \$450,000 has come from a wide range of agencies including: the U.S. Government, Fund for Adult Education, Ford Foundation, University Council on Education for Public Responsibility, and the Laubach Family. The budget of Educational Resources Information Center/Adult Education, while at Syracuse University, was about \$700,000. The budget for the Clearinghouse of Resources for Educators of Adults (CREA) was about \$325,000 for 1975-81.

What Materials Does SUREA Contain?

From the first, SUREA has brought together materials in a variety of formats. The materials range from books to audio tapes and recordings to personal papers to photographs.

The Collections

Books. An effort is made to acquire all significant books on adult/continuing education that are in the English language. The collection, which is historical and up to date, is processed under the Library of Congress

system. The Paul Hoy Helms Collection in Liberal Adult Education, funded by the Fund for Adult Education, has been processed and a list compiled.

Pamphlet File. Hundreds of pamphlets are processed in the Pamphlet File. Acquisition listings, alphabetical by title and under Descriptive Subject Headings and by card catalogue under author, are available.

Periodicals and Newsletters. Over one hundred periodicals and newsletters related to adult/continuing education are current, with many series complete. Newsletters are now in the pamphlet file.

Media-Nonprint. The media-nonprint collection contains over 300 audio tapes and audio recordings; video cassettes, video tapes, and films (8 and 16 mm.) are included. In addition, a list of 400 adult education masters theses and doctoral dissertations in the United States have been compiled under Descriptive Subject Headings. Microfilms released before July 1, 1973 are available in Bird Library and since then a list is kept. Also available on video tapes is the complete Omnibus Series which was provided for national TV viewing by the Ford Foundation and the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS). A film collection is being developed.

Oral History. The oral history collection is designed primarily for historical research. The items included are sound and video recordings which have been recorded since the early 1950's and the Mentor series. It is housed as part of the Media Collection in Bird Library.

Archives and Manuscripts

The archives and manuscript collections are housed in the Arents Research Library. The adult and continuing education collection contains materials of more than 25 organizations and individuals. Among the organizations with materials in the archives are the American Association for Adult Education,

Adult Education Association for the U.S.A. (now the American Association for Adult Continuing Education), Center for the Study of Liberal Education for Adults, American Foundation for Continuing Education, Fund for Adult Education, National Association for Public School Adult Educators, and the National University Extension Association. Shelf lists have been prepared and printed. The collection extends over 400 linear feet of shelf space.

The personal papers of Frank C. Laubach and documents of Laubach Literacy, Inc. are housed at Syracuse. These materials were made available for research purposes in 1974.

The Syracuse University Archives, containing the records of the officers and history of Syracuse University and Alexander N. Charters, are also housed in the Arents Research Library.

Photograph Collection

Over 10,000 photographs of adult education activities are being processed.

Other Materials

Other materials are also housed at Syracuse.

ERIC/AE, contracted to Syracuse University from 1966 to 1972, is now the ERIC/Adult Career and Vocational Education housed at Ohio State University. ERIC/Information Studies is at Syracuse University. Two complete ERIC collections are housed at Syracuse. Manual and computerized search facilities are available to provide access to ERIC as well as other data bases.

Syracuse has some publications and a file of information about educators of adults; this resource is currently being updated.

How To Obtain Access

Educators of adults are welcome at any time to use the collections by

Syracuse University Libraries. When available, carrel or other work area is provided by the librarian to out-of-town users. These educators of adults are often guests at the home of Margaret and Alexander Charters. This address is: Alexander N. Charters, Professor of Adult Education, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York 13210, U.S.A. The circulating collections are available through inter-library loan; for information about using the inter-library loan system, consult the librarian of your agency or institution.

Archives and manuscripts in the George F. Arents Research Library are governed by special access policies. Consult with the staff in Room 600 or write to the Head of the George E. Arents Library for Special Collections, 600 Bird Library, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York 13210, U.S.A. For an order form for SUPCE publications as available, write to: Syracuse University Printing Services, 125 College Place, Syracuse, New York 13210, U.S.A.

To provide current information about SUREA, SU-AE MEMOs, which describe the collections, accessibility, publications, and other matters, are issued occasionally. Several descriptive publications related to the collections have been published by SUPCE and are included in the attached bibliography.

What Are the Plans for the Future?

SUREA continuously evaluates its services, reviews its objectives, and identifies and assesses the needs of selected constituencies. One result of this appraisal is the Associated Resource Centers in Adult Education (ARCAE), a group to promote networks and cooperative relationships among adult education resource centers nationally and internationally. The purpose of this cooperative association is to link national and international resource centers, to exchange information and to promote more effective use of resource centers. The resource centers include libraries, documentation

centers, bureaus, and other bodies with resources and information about resources for educators of adults.

If the field of adult and continuing education is to advance, then educators of adults have to have access to resources and information about resources. SUREA's work is a pioneer and significant contribution. Its work will be enhanced by increased use of the resources, by contributions of materials, by the creation of additional resource centers for educators of adults across the country, and by the formation of cooperative relationships among resource centers nationally and internationally.

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